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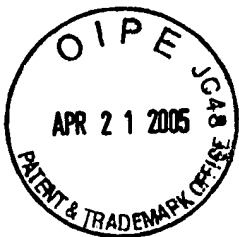
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

This is in response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action dated February 4, 2005, in which claims 1, 2 and 6-8 were rejected and claims 3-5 were objected to. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and response and prompt allowance of the as claimed invention in view of the following.